

**Information Packet for General Occupational Health Standards –
Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens**

Public Hearing

Date: January 27, 2003
Time: 10:30 am
Location: Department of Labor and Industries
Rooms S117 & S118
7273 Linderson Way SE
Olympia, Washington

The Department of Labor and Industries will hold a public hearing to receive information and comments about proposed changes to the rules in Chapter 296-62 WAC. RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050 grants the department authority to propose and adopt these rules.

If you require special communication or accommodation arrangements, please contact us at (360) 902-5484 no later January 15, 2003.

Send written comments using one of the following:

By mail to:

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By fax: 360-902-5529 (Comments submitted by fax must be 10 pages or less.)

By electronic mail to:

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Comments must be received no later than February 10, 2003

The department will respond in writing to everyone submitting oral and written comments before the deadline, and after the department has adopted changes to the rules.

Chapter 296-62 WAC, General Occupational Health Standards

The purpose of this rulemaking is to make this rule easy to read, understand and more usable for employers. This proposal will move all bloodborne pathogen requirements relating to non-agricultural industries from WAC 296-62-08001 and move them in chapter 296-823 WAC. There is no increase in requirements.

This rulemaking is part of an initiative by the department to revise all of the safety and health rules.

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Details of specific proposed amendments will be published in Washington State Register 03-01 on January 2, 2003. The department considered whether these proposed rules are subject to the Regulatory Fairness Act and determined that they do not require a small business economic impact statement because the proposed changes are exempt by law [see RCW 19.85.025 referencing RCW 34.05.310 (4)] from the small business economic impact requirements. The adoption date for these rules is April 2003 and the effective date is June 2003.

Copies of the proposed rule changes available upon request by calling toll free at 1-800-423-7233; or by written request to the Department of Labor and Industries, WISHA Services Division, Standards Section, Post Office Box 44620, Olympia, Washington 98504-4620. Copies of the proposed rules will also be available at the public hearing.